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Mr. Philip O. Strawbridge Transition Manager BNFL Inc. 3000 George Washington Way Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

APPROVAL OF ABAR-W375-99-00013, MODIFICATION OF SRD CRITERIA 4.5, FIRE PROTECTION (ISMP REFERENCES)

The RU has completed its evaluation of the Authorization Basis Amendment Request (ABAR) which was transmitted by letter CCN 012921, "Transmittal of Authorization Basis Amendment Requests," dated April 24, 2000, and associated BNFL safety evaluation. The amendment eliminates the Safety Requirements Document (SRD), Section 4.5 safety criteria references to the Integrated Safety Management Plan (ISMP) as an implementing standard.

Based upon the enclosed RU safety evaluation, ABAR-W375-99-00013 is approved. As part of the amendment implementation process, within 14 days please submit the revised pages of the SRD and an SRD revision page identifying all revisions to date. This amendment is effective immediately and shall be fully implemented within 30 days. Please advise the RU if you will be unable to complete this task prior to contract termination.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC27-96RL13308). If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me or Robert W. Griffith of my staff on (509) 372-2821.

Sincerely,

D. Clark Gibbs, Regulatory OfficialOffice of Safety Regulationof the RPP-WTP Contractor

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Enclosure

cc w/encl.:

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